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SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Well we had hoped to have some asphalt down this week but weather and the short workweek prevented that from happening. Looking ahead at next week and the weather forecast, there is a weather window on Wednesday for placement of asphalt, so we can only hope. The goal is to place asphalt from the Three Capes intersection south, connecting with the existing asphalt and then east towards Sand Creek Bridge just before the Jack Daniels farm.

The trucks have also been hauling topsoil and covering the slopes in order to promote the return of vegetation. Without topsoil those slopes would remain bare. All the slopes that are 1:2 or flatter receive topsoil treatment. For information 1:2 is the definition for the slope and says that for every foot you go up in elevation you move 2 foot horizontally, like the pitch of your roof. Once the topsoil is down and leveled, the scheduling of seeding could occur.

You may have noticed a new face on our staff driving around in that red Dodge, he is Jason Styger a student working for us on summer break from college. Jason worked for Federal Lands last summer at Thorn Bay on Prince of Wales I sland in Alaska. They must of done a great job getting him experienced as he seems to know what needs to done in construction. You should be seeing Jason until sometime in August when he returns to school. These are great programs as they introduce a student to highway construction allowing them a chance to relate real world construction experiences with their education.

Next week, work activity aside from placing asphalt near the Three Capes Intersection, will have the contractor working in locations from Highway 101 to Mile Post 1.6 (McConkey Bridge). So keep a look out for those signs and the flaggers. I would like to thank everyone for being patient getting through our work area. We are striving to meet a maximum 30-minute delay to the users of Sandlake Road, so bear with us when we have an exception and exceed that time limit; honest we are not trying your patience.

* * EXPECT 30 MINUTE DELAYS IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL * * 6:30 AM in the morning to 7:30 PM in the evening